GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5796
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2001
SUPPLY OF STATIONERY TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
RAGHUNATH JHA;RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Secretary, Ministry of Personnel and Pensions and otherhave deliberated in a meeting on the O.M. issued in 1981 authorising certain consumer cooperative societies in New Delhi to supply stationery and other items to the Government departments etc. recently and have come to the conclusion to recommend the withdrawal of the said O.M.;

(b) if so, the reasons for arriving at such a conclusion and the shortcomings/defects noticed by the committee;

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring to book the authorities that are responsible for that;

(d) the reasons for having issued the O.M. in 1981 and to withdraw it now; and

(e) the steps taken to fortify the O.M. and hold the officials guilty and to punish them rather than to withdraw the O.M.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e):Keeping in view the then policy of the Government of India to encourage cooperative movement, the O.M. providing special dispensation to Kendriya Bhandar and two other cooperatives in regard to the purchase of stationery etc. by the Ministry/Departments and other bodies fully financed by Government, without following the tender procedure, was issued almost two decades earlier.

The position has been gone into in the said meeting keeping in view the various suggestions received by the Government and having regard to the need of decontrols and the present thinking of the Government to limit its role to essential core activities. No decision of the Government has, however, been taken so far.